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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Please withdraw from this non-effective settlement.

I am a real person working in the computer industry who can tell story after story (many to me) of microsoft abuses.

I help companies with information, microsoft is not a competitor of mine.

As you know, anti-trust violators must be:

- 1) punished
- 2) receive remedies which prevent future abuses.

I'm afraid the proposed settlement does neither.

This IS about the economy.... Microsoft kills innovation and does it by breaking the law.... while sitting on 30B US\$ in cash. Paid for by the consumer.

Consumers like the marvels of COMPUTING, not microsoft... but many confuse the two... They like Mac and AOL too... Its the technology they like... never mind it's a law-breaking company even higher educated people can't seem to get their minds around.

I would be happy to assist in elaborating and helping in any way in getting an effective remedy... I have lots of ideas.

Considering Microsoft's history of ignoring consent decrees, I hope that you will agree that another consent decree should be held highly skeptical as an effective remedy. The fact that Microsoft violated a 1995 consent was part of what prompted the current antitrust proceedings. How effective can the same remedy be, when its prior violations helped to protect and extend Microsoft's illegal monopoly?

Microsoft has recently released Windows XP, a computer operating system with the explicit goal of extending their monopoly reach into web services. This is a clear violation of antitrust law, and a clear demonstration that Microsoft intends to completely ignore remedial actions to reinstall competition into the computer software market.

I urge you to reject the current settlement and pursue an effective remedy to restore competition in the computer operating systems market, and prevent Microsoft from extending their illegal monopoly into other computer software markets.

I am a modestly self-employed programmer, who has personally suffered the abuses at the hands of the goliath. Please don't let the average folks

down. Even the ones who confuse loving computers and communication revolutions with MS.

I would help you with remedies or evaluation of such in any way I can.

sincerely,

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